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Systems and methods for flexibly stabilizing a vertebral
motion segment by connecting a first vertebra and a second
vertebra. The system includes an elongate connection ele-
ment with end portions interconnected by a flexible coupling
member. The system includes first and second attachment
portions for connecting the connection element to the ver-
tebrae. A first resilient member is positioned between the
first end portion and the first attachment portion, and a
second resilient member is positioned between the first
attachment portion and the second attachment portion. The
system is designed such that the second resilient member is
compressed when the first and second attachment portions
move towards each other, and the first resilient member is
compressed when the first and second attachment portions
extend away from each other.

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